

# The Daily Ardmoreite.

Think of "The Eldo," the home-made Cigar when purchasing for Christmas. For sale at all Cigar stores. Union made.

Your husband or gentleman friend will appreciate "The Eldo" for Xmas more than any other cigar. Union made.

VOLUME XIII

ARDMORE, I. T., THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27, 1906.

NUMBER 186

## DIVORCE SUIT STIRS CITY

WOMAN WITH MILLIONS SEEKS SEPARATION.

Recalls the Contest Over Brewery Millions Which Bared a Family Skeleton—Husband Had Married a Dead Wife's Sister.

Millwaukee, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Clara Schandeln Hoyt, daughter of the late Mrs. Lisette Schandeln, over whose 7 million dollar estate there was a sensational contest a year ago, has filed suit for divorce from her husband, Jacob Hoyt. She is worth 2 million dollars in her own name, while he is worth 1 million dollars. Thus opens a new chapter in shocking revelations of family history.

Schandeln was the founder of a big brewery of this city, and amassed a fortune. Upon his death this fortune of seven million dollars passed to the control of his widow, Mrs. Lisette Schandeln.

Mrs. Schandeln's confidential friend was Jacob Hoyt, a man much younger than herself. Her daughters were Louise, Clara and Ella. In course of time Hoyt married Louise, by whom he had a son, Erik. Louise died, and in 1889 Hoyt married her sister, Clara.

When Mrs. Schandeln died she left the bulk of her seven million dollar estate to Hoyt and his wife, Clara. The other heirs, alleging undue influence, sought to break the will. In the trial of the case the family skeleton was dragged from its closet.

Witnesses in the will contest swore that Jacob Hoyt was more than friendly with Mrs. Lisette Schandeln. She has met him on a steamer when he was coming to America. It was brought on in the evidence, too, that Hoyt, not content with his friendship for the mother and his marriage to two of her daughters had even entered the room of the youngest daughter, Ella. Hoyt admitted the fact on the witness stand, but declared that he was drunk.

Most of these facts testified to in the will contest, are now included in the allegations made by Mrs. Clara Hoyt, in support of her petition for a divorce, filed today.

Mrs. Hoyt has lived apart from her husband since October, 1905. Since that time efforts have been made to effect a division of their property holding and to agree upon an amicable divorce, but the negotiations failed. Mrs. Hoyt insisted on the custody of her own two children. This Hoyt refused to consent to. His son by Louise Schandeln is in Germany. In her petition Mrs. Hoyt charges her husband with cruel and inhuman treatment which she swears ruined her health. She makes a number of other sensational, even shocking, revelations.

The complaint recites that Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt were married in Milwaukee May 25, 1889, soon after the death of Hoyt's first wife, Louise Schandeln.

Mrs. Hoyt further alleges that her no love for her brother-in-law, but she was devotedly attached to Erik, Mr. Hoyt's son by Louise, and feared that Hoyt would take the lad away unless she married him. She told Hoyt she did not love him, but he was so persistent in his proposals that she finally consented, and did marry him, solely from a sense of duty, believing by so doing she could prevent the removal of her dead sister's son, Erik, from her mother, Mrs. Schandeln. Mrs. Hoyt says in her petition that Hoyt knew all this, because she told him.

The complaint further alleges that

## IS ECONOMY A FACTOR IN YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Everything in Jewelry, Silk Umbrellas, Plated Table Ware, Stag Handled Carvers, Hand Painted China, Souvenir Spoons, Smoking Sets, Etc., Etc.

PRACTICE BY PATRONIZING TARVER

Hoyt is a man of gross and brutal appetites and passions. The complaint recites at length much of the testimony in the contest of the Schandeln will, particularly that relating to Hoyt's visit to the bedroom of his unmarried sister-in-law.

Always Mrs. Hoyt alleges that her husband always has been indifferent to the welfare and happiness of their two children. She asserts the children have no love for their father and declares that he is unfit to care for them.

Judgment is demanded as follows: Divorce from the bonds of matrimony, care and custody of the two sons; for the final distribution of the estate; for cost and disbursements, and for reasonable attorney fees.

Half an hour after his wife's complaint had been filed Hoyt filed his answer, in which he made a general denial of his wife's charges. He admits he entered the room of Ella Schandeln and the young woman named in the complaint, but declares he did not behave in an improper manner. He denies he has been cruel to his wife.

Mr. Hoyt admits that Mrs. Hoyt at all times has been a good wife and a careful, loving mother, and as such has fully discharged to the best of her ability all her duties toward him.

He declares that his wife, however, was not at all times loyal to him or to his interests. He insists that he has always been extremely solicitous concerning the welfare and happiness of their two children; that he has endeavored to the best of his ability to mold their character along the right lines, and to encourage them in their studies. He says he believes the children love him. He admits the children are much attached to his wife.

## CLINT PRUITT IS IN JAIL

CAPTURED BY OFFICERS IN NORTH TEXAS.

Escaped From Deputies While Being Brought to Jail—Charged With Being Implicated in the Killing of Ben Collins.

After a search of many months Clint Pruitt, wanted in Ardmore on a charge of complicity in the murder of Indian Policeman Ben Collins which occurred on the first of August, is in jail here to await preliminary hearing. Pruitt was arrested on this charge some four months ago by Deputy Hahn of Cornish, but escaped from the officers as he was being brought here in company with his brother, Henry Pruitt, to jail. Since that time he has been a fugitive from justice and a hunted man. About a week ago word was received that Pruitt was in Texas. Officers were informed to hold him there and later to bring him to Ardmore, with the result that he is now in jail where he was placed Wednesday afternoon by Deputy Jim Norris of the Northern District of Texas.

The arrest of Pruitt is the fourth in connection with the murder of Ben Collins on which officers and special detectives have been working since Collins was assassinated at his home near Emet. At the session of the Ada grand jury at the recent term of court in that city it is said indictments against five men were returned in connection with the killing of Collins. Of the five indicted four have been arrested, and it is presumed that there is still one more who is included in the indictment. The four who have been arrested on the indictments found by the grand jury are Henry Pruitt, A. Washmood, J. B. Miller and Clint Pruitt. All are out under bond secured through swearing out habeas corpus papers, excepting Clint Pruitt.

Attorneys for Clint Pruitt will in all probability make application for bail by suing out a writ of habeas corpus, although up to this afternoon nothing of the kind has been done.

Russian Confess Suicides.

Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Col. Degeimann, Russian consul here, was found dead in his bed this morning, having been killed by a pistol shot. It is believed he committed suicide, but the reason is not known.

## TRACING THE BOUNDARIES

PINCHOT STILL AT WORK ON FOREST RESERVE.

Believes Hitchcock Is Right and the Forestry Bureau Is Proceeding on That Assumption with the Lands in Choctaw Nation.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Mr. Pinchot, whose ambition to establish a four-million-acre forest reservation in Indian Territory occasioned Secretary Hitchcock's order reserving that area of land from allotment, notwithstanding it had been made available by congress, with a reservation of less than a half million acres, is engaged in tracing out on a map the boundaries of this proposed reservation. The lines will be exceedingly irregular, because Mr. Pinchot intends to exclude every patch of land that the most sanguine would call tillable. The reservation itself will be wholly in that part of the Kiamichi mountains which lies in the southwestern part of the Choctaw nation. None of it will be in the Cherokee nation and thus Mr. Pinchot hopes to be relieved of the opposition which has heretofore assailed itself.

The forestry bureau is proceeding under the assumption that Secretary Hitchcock's order will stand. Formal announcement that it will stand has not been made. The most any one at the interior department will say is that the understanding of the secretary's authority is still being considered by the lawyers; but it is learned in an indirect way that the lawyers have dug up some decisions and precedents which, they think, show that the secretary was abundantly warranted in what he did.

It is not likely, however, that the senate committee will be convinced by this exhibit. One of them intimated this afternoon that unless Secretary Hitchcock shall have revoked his order by the time congress reconvenes a resolution will be introduced that will suggest to him that he can not modify an act of congress with impunity.

Men who are eager to have a forest reservation made and who fear that the whole project is jeopardized by the secretary's obduracy, will suggest to the president next week that the order be rescinded and congress asked to purchase not to exceed 400,000 acres for this purpose. They say it is not necessary to reserve this land from allotment to assure the reservation, since very few, if any, are filling up in the mountains. They fear that if Secretary Hitchcock persists in antagonizing congress in this matter it can not be brought to consider the merits of the reservation proposition itself.

## RESIDENCE BURNS AT HEWITT.

Property of W. A. Wards Destroyed. He Had no Insurance.

Ardmoreite Special.

Hewitt, I. T., Dec. 27.—The residence of W. A. Wards of this place together with the contents were destroyed by fire late Wednesday afternoon. The only thing saved was a feather bed and organ. The family were away from home at the time of the fire and there is no knowledge of how it caught. Mr. Wards had no insurance and the loss is total.

## "BLACK HAND" AT WORK.

Life of Wealthy Armenian Threatened for Money.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 27.—Markus G. Dirdarian, aged 70 years, a wealthy Armenian physician and manufacturer, is being guarded by the police as a result of letters received signed "Black Hand," threatening death if he failed to pay \$10,000 to the writers.

## TURMOIL IN CUBA.

American Troops to Suppress Disorders There.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Taft has received advice from Governor Magon at Havana indicating that a more or less unsettled condition of affairs exists in certain parts of Cuba, and that in Santa Clara province some lawless bands are appearing and pillaging. Therefore, at the governor's

instance, General Bell has ordered a considerable reinforcement of the garrison of American troops in that province. For the first time since the second occupation of the islands by Americans it has become necessary for troops to undertake themselves the suppression of these disorders. Instead of leaving this task to the Cuban rural guards, which in some quarters is regarded as an indication of the inability of the Cuban civil authorities to permanently maintain peace in the island.

General Bell, in company with General Whist, who will succeed on January 1 in command of the American troops in Cuba, is now making a tour of the island with special reference to the military necessities in case further disturbances occur.

## ABSTRACTERS DISTRACTED

MAKE FIGHT TO DEFEAT TORRANS REGISTRY SYSTEM.

Are Bringing Much Pressure on Delegates—If Proposed Law Is Adopted by Convention It Will Mean Their Ruin.

Mashogue, I. T., Dec. 26.—Abstracters all over the eastern portion of the new state are very much excited over the apparent disposition of the constitutional convention to adopt the Torrans land registry system for the new state. They have been busy during the recess holiday seeing delegates and trying to stem the current in the convention. The abstracters have already received a hard blow in the county line proposition, and they are fighting now to prevent another that will mean ruin to a great many large abstract companies, but which would certainly be a great saving to the people of the new state.

The Torrans land system is a hobby of President Murray. He has advocated it for the past three years, and undoubtedly he will have the power to force it through the convention if he desires. It is apparent that the farmers of the new state favor such a system, and it cannot be disputed that the farmers are having their inning in writing the constitution. The farmers played an important part in the county boundaries fight, the delegates being afraid to oppose the spoken sentiment of the farmers' unions when they took a stand on one side or the other. This system proposes to have the county recorder keep a complete index of all transfers and encumbrances on all lands in the county, so that the person buying a tract of land may go to the county office and get for himself as any abstract firm could make as good an abstract as any abstract firm could make for him. This would save thousands of dollars annually for abstracts, and it would cut down the income of the abstract firms in proportion. That is why they are fighting it.

The abstract firms had their books made up in recording districts. For that reason, they wanted the recording districts to stand as counties. Now where a county lies partly in two or three recording districts, the abstract company that has an abstract of one recording district has got to make an abstract of all land added from other recording districts to his county, and this, in a great many instances will cost several thousand dollars.

## FIREMEN'S STRIKE BROKEN.

Yet Their Chairman Declares They Will Tie Up Parliament System.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—Southern Pacific officials declared today the firemen's strike was indefinitely broken. Trains are arriving practically on time and freight is being accepted as usual.

The firemen through Joseph Bedford, the grievance chairman of this district, in a statement today, declared they can and will tie up Parliament and the connecting systems completely.

He said: "We have assurances of support from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Order of Railway Conductors and the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The railroad is handling practically no freight."

Lots of fools look wise and lots of wise men look otherwise.

## FAVOR STATE OWNERSHIP

FOR MINERAL AND SEGREGATED SURFACE LANDS.

It is not believed that the Federal Government Will Stand in the Way of the New State Becoming Legitimate Owner.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 26.—Soon after the holiday recess the convention's special committee investigating the mineral and segregated surface problems of Indian Territory, with a view of purchase by the new state, will report favoring state ownership, and adopt the idea at the state meeting to appoint a commission by the constitutional convention which will treat with a commission from the Indian tribes. Such an organization will invite representatives from the federal government to join in the negotiations.

On the part of the constitutional convention the committee will report to the first state government, which government will probably be largely ruled by what the joint commission recommends.

Oklahoma has no information as to how its memorials regarding disposition of the minerals and surface will be received, but it is believed that congress, as well as the president, is normally inclined to follow the wishes of the new commonwealth, providing the Indian can secure a "squeeze deal" in the transaction. The president's idea of federal control of all land under public lands is thought to be a late theory, conceived when the government thwarted a syndicate's attempt to acquire the coal lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. In view of conditions confronting newer Oklahoma, it is not believed the federal government will stand in its way of legitimately becoming owner of the property for a public school endowment.

Indian Territory people will not seriously regard any opposition the retiring secretary of the interior may offer. Shorn of his influence by the very recent and emphatic rebuke by Senator Clark's committee, his recommendations concerning final solution of these problems are calculated to have little weight in Washington.

Director Walcott's valuation of the coal lands at \$15,000,000 is accepted as a ray of hope by the advocates of state ownership, and places the property within reaching distance. The committee at Guthrie had worked upon the theory of paying \$10,000,000, which figure is believed to be acceptable to the tribes. The commissions from the constitutional convention and the two nations, however, are to determine that feature of the transaction.

Sale of the segregated surface enters the situation with singular bearing. It has been the opinion in Washington that the constitutional convention would memorialize congress not to authorize sale of the surface, which would clog this particular problem for the time being. However, such a course is not contemplated by the Guthrie committee. The memorials will either approve Senator Teller's resolution to sell the surface to actual settlers in limited quantities, sale to be conducted by the federal government, or by the state after it becomes owner, or will remain silent on the proposition. Those close to the situation believe the simplest and quickest way would be via the state plan, at the same time meet the Indian's desire to unload his holdings in a lump.

Indians favor state ownership, judging from all that has been presented to the committee. Delegate Chambers of Atoka, chairman of the committee, is in receipt of a letter from Gov. McCurtain of the Choctaw nation, who, speaking for his people, asserts that the Indian wishes a full, free and final settlement of the tribal estate in order that they may become full-fledged citizens of the new state, and commends the convention's good judgment in working in its present direction.

Under the treaties with the United States government, it was specifically provided that the surface lands should be sold to the highest bidder. For some reason unknown to Indian Territory the interior department adopted

the sealed bid plan instead, which proved abortive and the Indian is convinced no plan conceived by the department would be satisfactory.

## BANK CASHIER RETURNS.

Says He Has Been Working in Dallas as a Laborer.

Sedan, Kan., Dec. 26.—Charles D. Stallard, former cashier of the People's National bank of Sedan, who disappeared Sept. 18, leaving a shortage of between \$20,000 and \$30,000, voluntarily returned home today. He has been in Dallas since election day, awaiting trial of the case as a laborer, and did not take the trouble to even adopt an assumed name. Last Thursday Mrs. Stallard received a letter from her husband stating that he was in Dallas and that he would settle home if she thought best for him to do so. It was the first intimation since he mysteriously disappeared in September. Mrs. Stallard went to Dallas last Friday and met her husband. After spending a few days in Texas they returned immediately to Sedan.

Stallard says that after closing the bank Sept. 18 he rode to Bartlesville, where he turned his horse loose. He traveled on foot down the Caney river below Tulsa, where he secured work as a laborer. From there he worked his way to Dallas, Texas, arriving on election day. He remained there continually until joined by his wife. Stallard says he had but \$125 when he left Sedan.

Well Known Artist Dies.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 27.—Walter Appleton Clark, the well known artist and illustrator, died today, aged thirty-one years.

## MASSACRED BY INDIANS

THE YAGUI IN MEXICO MURDER AND FIRE BUILDINGS.

Eight Americans and Mexicans Reported Killed Last Saturday and Railway Station Destroyed by Fire—Informant Escapes.

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Eight Americans and Mexicans have been massacred by Yaqui Indians at the little station of Lancha, Mexico, according to Col. Maxon, vice president of the National Irrigation congress, who has just returned from the south, after a visit in Mexico with his wife.

He said at Lancha, Saturday afternoon last, the Yaquis descended upon the railway station and attacked all in sight. Maxon and his party defended themselves back to the barricaded doors of the station, finally escaping on a work train.

After the Indians departed the train returned and found the dead bodies of Thompson, the station master, the latter's wife and two others. The station house had been burned.

Several miles along the road the Lancha scene had been duplicated, there a little band was able to repulse the attack of the Yaquis with a loss of four of their members, Americans and Mexicans.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—A special train from Nogales, Mexico, says details are arriving there of the butchery of a party of Mexicans by Yaqui Indians, near Yalenechia, sixty miles below Guaymas. Eleven Mexicans and one American have been killed. Over a hundred Indians are in the attacking party.

## PROTECT INNOCENT NEGROES.

White People Made Every Effort in Recent Mississippi Riots.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27.—That white men protected innocent negroes and that every effort is being made by whites to punish hoodlums of their own race who were responsible for the Christmas riots in Mississippi was information in detailed accounts, arriving today from little towns which were the scenes of riot and bloodshed. The total death list is probably twelve.

## NEGROES ARE EXCITED

BUT THERE IS NOTHING THREATENING IN DEMEANOR.

In fact They Assembled in Town Through Abject Fear That Violence Would Be Done if Isolated. Vardaman in Scooba.

Scooba, Miss., Dec. 26.—The Associated Press representative, who arrived in Scooba after dark, found the village crowded with negroes who had gathered around. They were highly excited, but there was nothing threatening in their demeanor.

According to their statements, most of them had gathered through fear that violence would be done them if they remained in the surrounding districts, and fear alone had driven them into the town.

With companies of militia patrolling the streets there seemed to be little apprehension among either whites or blacks of any trouble, at least not in town, during the night. Most of the white people in Scooba are giving the troops their heartiest cooperation in efforts to restore tranquility. Among these whites the opinion is freely expressed that the entire trouble was uncalculated for and could have been avoided.

The difficulty which aroused both races in this vicinity occurred three miles northeast of here yesterday and last night. Accurate information upon this trouble is not available here, but it is known that at least five negroes lost their lives as the result of it. There are also reports that several other negroes were killed, but the reports lack confirmation.

About dark a detail of men who had spent the day in the surrounding country under the leadership of Deputy Sheriff Alexander investigating the reports said that they had made no arrests and had learned no new facts.

## Mob Work, No Race Riot.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 26.—A special to the Evening Star from Scooba brings the first authentic news from that place in regard to an alleged race riot in that section. The telegram denies that there has been a race riot. This special dispatch follows:

"There has been no race riot in the country surrounding Scooba or Wabash. The trouble reported grew out of an irresponsible Christmas mob searching for a negro who killed John O'Brien in the trouble at Wabash several days ago. This mob became reckless and killed three negroes, Calvin Nicholson, Isham Jinnice, and Robert Simpson, and possibly two others in a remote district. Two negro houses were burned."

The mob also shot a mule from under Deputy Sheriff Stewart. Deputy Sheriff Alexander, believing that he was unable to control the mob and protect innocent negroes, wired Gov. Vardaman for troops, who are now in Scooba with nothing to do. Everything is quiet.

## Vardaman Off for Scooba.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 26.—Gov. Vardaman and several members of his staff left for Scooba this evening at 6 o'clock on a special train. He carried with him about twenty-five members of the Capital Light Guard, under command of Capt. Albert Fairley.

Adj. Gen. Fridge preceded him about three hours, going on the regular train to Meridian, where he will have a special train waiting to carry the governor and militia direct to Scooba.

The governor says there has been no fresh outbreak at Scooba, but that it has been impossible for him to get any definite news from there and he has gone over to make a personal investigation and relieve the strain on Col. McCant's soldiers with fresh troops.

Wreck on Santa Fe.

By Associated Press.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 27.—The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe passenger train No. 457, south-bound, which left Oklahoma City at midnight, was wrecked early today near Somerville, Texas. Several persons are reported injured.

The Daily Ardmoreite, 50c a month.